

# **RESEARCH RESPONSE**

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## **ILLINOIS WOMEN IN CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Overview**

Ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920 opened the door for Illinois women to take an active role in government. In 1922, Winifred Mason Huck became the first woman elected to Congress from Illinois. Lottie Holman O'Neill was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in the same year, and later served in the Senate.

Of twelve Illinois women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives since 1922, Representatives Jan Schakowsky, Judy Biggert, and Melissa Bean are currently serving. Representatives Jan Schakowsky and Judy Biggert also served in the Illinois House. Representative Cardiss Collins, a Democrat, was the first black person to hold the leadership position of Whip at Large. Representative Lynn Martin became the first Republican woman elected to a leadership position in the U.S. House, serving as Vice Chairman of the Republican Conference.

Carol Moseley-Braun, who had served in the Illinois House, in 1992 became the first Illinois woman, and the first black woman, ever elected to the U.S. Senate. She served until 1998, was the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand from 1999 to 2001, and was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. She has also taught law and political science at Morris Brown College and DePaul University.

The 94th General Assembly has 48 women (27.1% of its members). The 93rd General Assembly had 49 (27.7%). The 92nd General Assembly had 47 women (26.6%), up from 45 in the 91st General Assembly. The 90th General Assembly had 46 women (26% of its members). The 89th General Assembly began with 42 women (23.7% of its members). When Senator Karen Hasara left on June 30, 1995, to assume her position as Mayor of Springfield, the total was reduced to 41 women (23.2% of its members). The 88th General Assembly had 41 women; the 87th had 33; the 86th had 34; and the 85th had 32.

Their current partisan division is 15 Republicans and 33 Democrats. The Senate has 13<sup>1</sup> women (22%) in the 94th General Assembly, up from 12 women (20.3%) during the 90th, 91st, 92nd, and 93rd General Assemblies. Currently the House has 35 women<sup>2</sup> (29.7%), compared to 37 in the 93rd General Assembly, 35 in the 92nd, 33 in the 91st, 34 in the 90th, 31 in the 89th, 30 in the 88th, 20 in the 87th, and 22 in the 86th General Assembly. Thirteen black women serve in the General Assembly—3<sup>3</sup> in the Senate and 10<sup>4</sup> in the House.

Rutgers University's Center for the American Woman and Politics (CAWP) has studied the factors involved in gaining public office and reached three conclusions about women: (1) Women officeholders have background qualifications

and experience similar to male officeholders. (2) Women rely on women's resources when entering public life; they foster mentor relationships with other women. (3) Some women in public office influence politics with liberal and feminist perspectives.

The following is a list of Illinois women legislators from 1922 to the present. Years served are shown in parentheses. Members of Congress are in chronological order; members of the General Assembly are listed alphabetically. Appendix A to this Research Response lists the number of women in each General Assembly from ratification of the 19th Amendment to the present.

### **Women in Congress**

**HUCK, WINNIFRED MASON (1922-23).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. A journalist and lecturer, she was the first Illinois woman to be elected to Congress, completing the unexpired term of her father, William E. Mason. During her 5 months of service in 1922-23, she sponsored the first Congressional resolution to establish a universal plebiscite on a primary declaration of war.

**McCORMICK, RUTH HANNA (1929-31).** Republican from Byron; served in House. Widow of Joseph Medill McCormick, who was an Illinois legislator and later Congressman at Large and U.S. Senator. She published the Rockford *Daily Republic*, and owned and operated a dairy and breeding farm in Byron. Elected Congressman at Large in 1928. She was the first elected Republican National Committeewoman from Illinois, and Chairperson of the first woman's executive committee of the National Republican Committee. She worked actively for the women's suffrage amendment beginning in 1913.

**SUMNER, JESSIE (1939-47).** Republican from Milford; served in House. She practiced law in New York and Illinois and was employed by Chase National Bank before opening a law office in Milford in 1932. She was elected to fill an unexpired term as county judge in 1937.

**DOUGLAS, EMILY TAFT (1945-46).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. An actress, wife of former U.S. Senator Paul H. Douglas, and daughter of American sculptor Lorado Taft. She organized the Illinois League of Women Voters and was secretary of the International Relations Center of Chicago.

**CHURCH, MARGUERITE STITT (1951-63).** Republican from Evanston; served in House. A lecturer, writer, and consulting psychologist, she was president of the Congressional Club from 1948 to 1950; president of the National Alumnae Association of Wellesley College from 1940 to 1943; trustee of the National College of Education in Evanston; and member of Phi Beta Kappa Associates.

**SIMPSON, EDNA OAKES (1959-61).** Republican from Carrollton; served in House. The widow of Sidney E. Simpson, U.S. Representative from 1942 to 1958. She was on the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and House Committee on Administration.

**REID-BARBER, CHARLOTTE T. (1963-71).** Republican from Aurora; served in House. A professional singer, she was the featured vocalist on the "Don McNeal's Breakfast Club" radio program. Left House to become a Federal Communications Commissioner; second woman ever to hold that position.

**COLLINS, CARDISS (1973-96).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. Elected at special election in 1973 to seat vacated by her husband, Congressman George Collins, who was killed in an airplane crash in 1972. Reelected to each succeeding Congress until her retirement in 1996. She was not only the first black Congresswoman from Illinois, but the first black person to hold the leadership position of Whip at Large in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the 104th Congress, she was a member of the Government and Oversight Committees. In the 103rd and 102nd Congresses she chaired the Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness of the Energy and Commerce Committee. In the 101st Congress she chaired the Subcommittee on Government Activities and Transportation of the Government Operations Committee. She Chaired the Congressional Black Caucus in the 96th Congress, and chaired Members of Congress for Peace Through Law.

**MARTIN, LYNN M. (1981-91) (also in General Assembly 1977-81).** Republican from Rockford; elected to Illinois House of Representatives in 1976 and to Illinois Senate in 1978. Elected to U.S. House in 1980. Was Vice Chairwoman of House Republican Conference in 1984 and 1986, becoming first Republican woman in leadership. After unsuccessfully running for the U.S. Senate against Paul Simon in 1990, she was appointed Secretary of Labor by President Bush in 1991. She was named Republican Woman of the Year in 1989. Before entering politics she chaired the Winnebago County Board Republican Caucus, 1973-76, and was a high school teacher.

**MOSELEY-BRAUN, CAROL (1993-98) (also in General Assembly 1979-88).** Democrat from Chicago; served in the Senate. She was Assistant Majority Leader of the Illinois House for three terms and chaired the Black Legislative Caucus from 1979-87. Former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, she received the Attorney General's Special Achievement Award for litigation in 1977. Has B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago and J.D. from University of Chicago. Founder and past president of the University of Chicago Black Law Students' Association. Elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds in 1988. Became first black woman in U.S. Senate following 1992 election. In the 104th and 105th Congresses she was a member of the Finance, Aging, and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committees. In the 103th Congress she was a member of the Judiciary Committee and its Courts and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee; the Banking Committee and its Housing and Urban Affairs Securities Subcommittee, and the Small Business Committee and its Export Expansion and Agriculture Development, and Urban and Minority Owned Business Development Subcommittees. Defeated for reelection in 1998, she was appointed the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand and served until 2001.

**BIGGERT, JUDY (1999- ) (also in General Assembly 1993-98).** Republican from Hinsdale; member of House. Former Majority Conference Chairperson of Illinois House and Minority Spokesperson for Judiciary I Committee. She has a B.A. in international relations from Stanford University and a J.D. from Northwestern University. Former law clerk to Judge Luther M. Swygert of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Currently Chairman of the Energy Subcommittee of the Science Committee; Vice-Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee of the Education and Workforce Committee; Vice-Chair of the Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology Subcommittee of the Financial Services Committee. Also serves on the following subcommittees: Education Reform (Education and the Workforce); Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises (Financial Services); Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit (Financial Services); Domestic and International Monetary Policy and Trade (Financial Services); Energy (Science); and Environment, Technology and Standards (Science). Congresswoman Biggert is also the Republican Co-Chair of the Caucus on Women's Issues.

**SCHAKOWSKY, JANICE D. "Jan" (1999- ) (also in General Assembly 1991-98).** Democrat from Evanston; former member of the House, where she was Floor Leader and Minority Spokesperson for Commerce, Industry, and Labor Committee and chaired the House Appropriations-Human Services Committee. She was Executive Director of the Illinois State Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations, and established the first Senior Citizens' Political Action Committee. Active in the organization of Cook County Democratic Women, she is a former ward chairperson, precinct captain, and was a delegate to the 1988 Democratic National Convention. She attended the University of Michigan and received a B.S. with honors from the University of Illinois School of Education. Currently serves on House Democratic Leadership Team as Chief Deputy Whip and on the Energy and Commerce Committee. Also serves on subcommittees: Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection; Environment and Hazardous Materials; and Oversight and Investigations.

**BEAN, MELISSA (2005- ).** Democrat from Barrington. Founder and president of Sales Resource Inc. (SRI), a consulting firm serving high-tech Fortune 1000 clients internationally. She has a B.A. in political science from Roosevelt University. She was a member of the Palatine Chamber of Commerce, Barrington Area Professional Women, and the National Association of Women Business Owners. She has served as president of Deer Lake Homeowners Association and on the boards of the Barrington Children's Choir, and the Lines Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. Currently serves on the Financial Services Committee and the Small Business Committee. Also serves on the following subcommittees: Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology; Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises; Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs; and Tax, Finance, and Exports.

**Women in  
General  
Assembly**

**ALEXANDER, ETHEL SKYLES (1981-93).** Democrat from Chicago; served three terms in House, then was appointed and later elected to Senate where she chaired Elections and Reapportionment Committee. Served more than 34 years in the Criminal Division of Cook County Circuit Court and was the first black woman appointed assistant chief deputy clerk. Before election to the General Assembly, she served for 24 years as a committeewoman and 28 years as a precinct captain of the 20th Ward Regular Democratic Organization. She was a member of the National Conference of Black Legislators, and secretary to the Illinois Black Legislative Caucus from 1983 to 1987.

**ALTHOFF, PAMELA J. (2003- ).** Republican from Crystal Lake; appointed to Senate. Minority Spokesperson, Commerce and Economic Development Committee. Former mayor of McHenry City; former teacher and administrator with McHenry County Chamber of Commerce. She has a B.S. from Illinois State University and an M.S. from Northeastern Illinois University.

**BAILEY, PATRICIA (2003- ).** Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Vice-Chair of Health Care Availability and Access. Has worked as a Cook county probation officer and former Department of Children and Family Services social worker. She has attended several educational institutions and holds a degree in social work and an M.A. in religious studies.

**BALANOFF, MIRIAM (1979-83).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, she has practiced general law in the Chicago area for a number of years and served as a Cook County Circuit Court judge. Taught real estate, business, commercial, and tax law. Member of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and the South Suburban Bar Association.

**BARNES, JANE M. (1975-93).** Republican from Palos Park; served in House. Held positions of Minority Whip, Minority Spokesperson for Constitutional Officers Committee, Vice Spokesperson of Aging Committee, and Co-Chairperson of Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission. First woman to chair the Midwestern Conference of the Council of State Governments; charter president of Illinois Women in Government; first woman assistant chief deputy on personal staff of Cook County sheriff; and an administrative assistant in the Illinois Department of Insurance. Also a charter board member of Southwestern Suburban Crisis Center for Domestic Violence; honorary president of Palos Park-Palos Heights Regular Republican Organization; and former Chairperson of Arts and Tourism Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Assembly on the Legislature. She was a licensed real estate broker and active in many civic, professional, and political organizations.

**BARNES, LIZZIE (1939-41).** Democrat from Carmi; served in House. Born in Kentucky in 1892 and raised in White County, Illinois.

**BASSI, SUZANNE "Suzie" (1999- ).** Republican from Palatine; serves in House. Minority spokesperson, Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee; Tourism & Conventions Committee; former minority spokesperson, Committee on Aging. Former high school teacher and school board member; B.A. from Rosary College (now Dominican University); M.A.T. (teaching) from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**BELLOCK, PATRICIA R. "Patti" (1999- )**. Republican from Hinsdale; serves in House. Minority Spokesperson, Aging Committee; Human Services Committee; former Minority Spokesperson, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness Committee. DuPage County Board and County Health Department Board member. Graduate of St. Norbert College; teacher and business person.

**BERRIOS, MARIA ANTONIA "Toni" (2003- )**. Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Vice-Chair of Gaming Committee. Has worked as a tobacco compliance specialist for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and for Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Serves as Secretary of Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and is a member of several civic organizations. She is pursuing a degree in psychology from Northeastern Illinois University.

**BIGGERT, JUDY**. See Illinois Women in Congress.

**BOHRER, FLORENCE FIFER (1925-32)**. Republican from Bloomington; served in Senate. A daughter of former Illinois Governor (1889-93) Joseph W. Fifer, she was Illinois' first woman senator. She was a lifelong resident of Bloomington, where she was active in civic and charitable organizations.

**BOWLES, EVELYN M. (1994-2003)**. Democrat from Edwardsville; served in Senate. Was Minority Spokesperson for the Committee on Environment and Energy. She attended several educational institutions, including Illinois State University, Greenville College, and Southern Illinois University. She has been a teacher; member of the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve Intelligence Division; and Madison County chief deputy clerk and county clerk. She was Minority Spokesperson for the Committee on Environment and Energy and a member of the State Board of Elections Advisory Committee.

**BRAUN, CAROL MOSELEY**. See Illinois Women in Congress.

**BRESLIN, PEG McDONNELL (1977-91)**. Democrat from Ottawa; served in House. Assistant Majority Leader for one term and Majority Whip for three. Later served as Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court for the Third District. During her tenure, she founded and chaired WISH LIST, a political action committee to elect Democratic women to the General Assembly. Has a B.S. in political science and a law degree, both from Loyola University. Legal advisor to State Board of Education, 1974-76. Past Co-Chairperson of Illinois Conference of Women Legislators and former member of Democratic State Central Committee. Delegate to the 1984 and 1988 Democratic National Conventions. Ran for State Treasurer in 1990, but lost.

**CATANIA, SUSAN (1973-83)**. Republican from Chicago; served in House. Delegate to Republican National Conventions in 1976, 1980, and 1984. Chaired Commission on Status of Women and Illinois Women's Political Caucus. She was one of the major sponsors of the Equal Rights Amendment. Received B.A. in chemistry from St. Xavier College and did graduate work at Northwestern University. Worked as a technical writer, editor, and market researcher. After leaving the General Assembly, she held a fellowship at the Institute of Politics, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She was President of the Illinois chapter of AARP and the administrator of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Program of the Illinois

Department of Human Services. (A history of her years in the General Assembly was made by the Oral History Office of Sangamon State University for the Legislative Research Unit.)

**CHAPA LaVIA, LINDA (2003- )**. Democrat from Aurora; serves in House. Vice-Chair of Veterans Affairs Committee. President and co-owner of Aurora Pizzeria and La Aurora Cigar & Spirits; co-owner of Lincoln Manor and CGL Enterprise. She is a broker for Chapa Realty and a 1st lieutenant in the Inactive Ready Reserve. B.A. in political science from University of Illinois at Chicago.

**CHAPMAN, EUGENIA S. (1965-83)**. Democrat from Arlington Heights; served in House. Democratic Whip 1981-83; chaired House Committee on Human Resources, 1975-79 and Appropriations II Committee in 1980. Chief sponsor of the resolution to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and of the Illinois Public Junior College Act. Served as Secretary to Illinois Democratic State Central Committee (1990-1994), and is a former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeewoman. Was a member of the Board of Education of northwest suburban High School District 214, 1961-64, and Chief of the Division of Senior Citizen Advocacy and Coordinator for Community Education in the Attorney General's office, 1983-89.

**CHAVEZ, MICHELLE (2005- )**. Democrat from Cicero, serves in House. Supervisor at A&R Janitorial Services. Attended the Colegio Hispano Americano in Mexico City. Active in the Mexican-American Civic Society of Cicero's Mexican Independence Day Parade and Festival, and in the Federacion De Clubs Jaliciences which helps local Spanish speaking people.

**CHENEY, FLORA SYLVESTER (1928-29)**. Republican from Chicago; elected to House in 1928 but died in 1929. First president of Illinois League of Women Voters and editor of League's bulletin. Executive Chairman of Woodlawn Community Center for 13 years and first president of Public School Community Center Association of Chicago.

**CIARLO, FLORA L. (1995-97)**. Republican from Steger; served in House. She has a B.S. in education from the National College of Education. Served as program manager for Bloom Township High School District 206, and as elementary school teacher in Steger School District 194 (1961-1967). She was a member of the Prairie State College Board of Trustees, St. James Hospital and Health Center Citizens Advisory Board, and other civic, educational, and church organizations.

**CLAYTON, VERNA L. (1993-98)**. Republican from Buffalo Grove; served in House. Was Vice Chairperson for Executive Committee, Minority Spokesperson for Administration and Election Reform, and Minority Vice Spokesperson for Transportation and Motor Vehicles Committee. Village President of Buffalo Grove 1979-1991; village clerk 1971-1979; and office manager 1972-1978. Chaired the Council of Mayors for Chicago Area Transportation Study and the National League of Cities Transportation Committee; past president of the Illinois Municipal League and member of Governor Edgar's Transition Team.

**CLEMENTS, FLOY (1959-61).** Democrat from Chicago; first black woman representative. Precinct captain for more than 20 years in the 4th Ward Regular Democratic Organization and committeewoman for many years. Active in numerous social, civic, and educational groups.

**COLLINS, ANNAZETTE R. (2001- ).** Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Chairs Public Utilities Committee; former chair Juvenile Justice Reform Committee. Administrator for Chicago school board; previously a prison correctional officer and employed by the Department of Children and Family Services and Cook County probation department. Has a degree in sociology, an M.S. in criminal justice, and graduate work in counseling from Chicago State University.

**COLLINS, EARLEAN (1977-98).** Democrat from Chicago; first black woman to serve in Illinois Senate and first woman in a Democratic leadership position. Was Minority Spokesperson for the Executive Committee. A former Assistant Minority Leader, she chaired the Transportation Committee and the Select Committee on Drug Abuse. Sponsors several community service organizations aimed at youth development, teen pregnancy, and single-parent networking. Previously worked as a child welfare executive in Department of Children and Family Services; also was self-employed in the real estate field. Currently a Cook County Commissioner. Has a B.A. in sociology from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**COLLINS, JACQUELINE Y. "JACQUI" (2003- ).** Democrat from Chicago; serves in Senate. Chairs Financial Institutions Committee and Vice -Chair, Appropriations I Committee. Was Legislative fellow for Senator Hillary Clinton in 2001; former press secretary to Congressman Gus Savage. She was also an Emmy-Award nominated news editor at CBS-TV. Received journalism degree from Northwestern University and three master's degrees.

**COULSON, ELIZABETH (1997- ).** Republican from Glenview; elected to House in 1996. Minority spokesperson for Committee on Registration and Regulation; former Minority Spokesperson for Committee on Aging and Vice Spokesperson for Committee on Human Services. Physical therapist educated at Wellesley College, University of Kansas, Keller Graduate School of Management and Northwestern Medical School. Ph.D. candidate in health policy and administration at the University of Illinois.

**COWLISHAW, MARY LOU (1983-2002).** Republican from Naperville; served in House. Was Chair and Minority Spokesperson for Elementary and Secondary Education Committee; Vice-Chair for Public Utilities Committee; Vice Spokesperson for Education Appropriations Committee; and Vice Spokesperson for Higher Education Committee. Received B.S. in journalism from the University of Illinois; former member of the *Naperville Sun* editorial staff and of Illinois Press Association. Also was a member of the Federal Relations Network of the National School Boards Association and the District 203 Board of Education.



**CROTTY, M. MAGGIE (1997- )**. Democrat from Oak Forest; served in House from 1997 to 2002; current member of Senate. Chairs Local Government Committee and the Mobile Home Task Force; former Vice-Chair of Licensed Activities Committee. Nominee for Outstanding School Board President of Illinois, received award for volunteerism.

**CURRIE, BARBARA FLYNN (1978- )**. Democrat from Chicago; member of House. Serves as House Majority Leader; Chairs Committee on Rules and Fee-For-Service Initiatives; Vice-Chair, Revenue Committee; previously chaired Revenue Committee, and co-chaired Citizens' Assembly and Citizens' Council on Women. A political scientist, she taught at DePaul University and directed a National Opinion Research Center study on women, politics, and Chicago community organizations. Has a bachelor's degree cum laude and a master's degree from the University of Chicago. She is a past vice president of the Chicago League of Women Voters, and member of Harriet M. Harris YWCA Advisory Board in Woodlawn; Illinois Task Force on Child Support; and Illinois Cancer Council.

**CURRY, JULIE A. (1995-2003)**. Democrat from Mount Zion; served in House. Was Chair, Committee on Appropriations—Elementary and Secondary Education and Co-Chair, Legislative Audit Commission. Was also Macon County Treasurer. Received a B.A. in political science, and an M.A. in political science and public administration from Eastern Illinois University. Has served on the board of directors of the United Way of Macon County, the Decatur YWCA, and Communities in Partnership. Has also been a member of the Government Finance Officers' Association and the Mid-Illinois Treasury Management Association.

**DAVIDSON, MARY (1931-35)**. Democrat from Carthage; served in House. Received master's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois, and was a member of the Illinois Press Association, where she was the first woman vice president. She was managing editor and publisher of the *Carthage Republican*, a Democratic weekly owned by her family for some 70 years.

**DAVIS, MONIQUE D. (1987- )**. Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Chair, Appropriations—General Service Committee; Vice Chairperson of Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. Formerly served as Chair of the Appropriations—Human Services Committee and Labor and Commerce Committee and as Minority Spokesperson for Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. Was a member of Cook County Democratic Women's Organization. One of 100 professional black women nationwide cited for their achievements by *Dollars and Sense* magazine. Received B.S. in elementary education and M.S. in guidance and counseling from Chicago State University; has done additional work toward doctorate at National College of Education, DePaul University, and University of Illinois, Chicago. A teacher and program coordinator for the Chicago Board of Education, she served as legislative chairperson for the Chicago Area Alliance of Black School Educators. Coordinated 21st ward campaigns and chaired far south chapter of Independent Voters of Illinois.

**DAWSON, FRANCES L. (1957-71).** Republican from Evanston; served in House. Received her law degree from Simpson College and was a college instructor and recipient of Northwestern University's Alumni Merit Award. (A history of her years in the General Assembly was made by the Oral History Office of Sangamon State University for the former Legislative Council.)

**DEMUZIO, DEANNA (2004- ).** Democrat from Carlinville. Appointed to Senate on May 5, 2004 (sworn in May 11, 2004) to fill vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Vince Demuzio. She has worked for the former Auditor of Public Accounts, the State's Attorneys Appellate Service Commission, and three state senators. President of the Carlinville Public School Foundation; former president of the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce and Carlinville Business and Professional Women.

**DEUHLER, SUZANNE L. "Sue" (1981-98).** Republican from Aurora; served in House. Was Chair for Financial Institutions Committee and Vice-Chair for Personnel and Pensions Committee. Minority Spokesperson for Financial Institutions Committee; Minority Spokesperson for State Government Administration Committee; and Vice Spokesperson for Environment and Energy, and Reapportionment Committees. Has been a member of the Kane County Board; also held leadership positions in League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. Co-founder of the Illinois Math and Science Academy. Was YWCA Woman of the Year in 1979, and has been active in the PTA and the Department of Public Aid's Welfare Services Committee. Has been a member of the regional advisory committee of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Copley Memorial Hospital Board. Past Co-Chairperson of the Conference of Women Legislators. Received B.A. from University of Illinois.

**DIDRICKSON, LOLETA A. (1983-91).** Republican from Flossmoor; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson on Labor and Commerce Committee. Graduated from Governors' State University with a B.A. in communications. Aide to state Senator Aldo DeAngelis, 1979-81. Member of executive committee of Rich Township Republican Organization and a precinct captain in Rich Township. Appointed to Governor Edgar's Cabinet as Director of Department of Employment Security in 1991. Resigned in October 1993 to run for Comptroller in 1994. Served as Illinois Comptroller 1995-99; ran for the U.S. Senate in 1998.

**DOEDERLEIN, DELORIS (1987-93).** Republican from East Dundee; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson on Housing Committee. Member of National Education Task Force of American Legislative Exchange Council; board member of Kane County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. Alternate delegate to 1984 Republican National Convention, and staffer at 1980 convention. Precinct committeewoman and former officer on Kane County and Dundee Township Republican central committees. Member of McHenry County and Illinois State Federation of Republican Women's Clubs. Was second Vice Chairperson of Governor's Council on Aging. She has a B.A. from Valparaiso University and an M.S. from the National College at Evanston.

**DONAHUE, LAURA KENT (1981-2002).** Republican from Quincy; appointed to Senate in 1981 to fill vacancy from death of her mother, Mary Lou Kent, and then elected. Served as Assistant Majority Leader and Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee; past Minority Spokesperson for the Executive Committee. Has a B.S. from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Formerly worked in merchandising and bookkeeping, and had her own business as an instructor, choreographer, and musical theater consultant.

**DUGAN, LISA M. (2003- ).** Democrat from Kankakee; appointed to House in 2003. Vice-Chair State Government Administration Committee. Served as President/CEO of Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce from 1998-2003. Worked as union electrician and sat on advisory board of "Women in Non-Traditional Jobs." Elected trustee of Village of Bradley in 1995. She has been active in the Regional Planning Commission, Kankakee County United Way, and American Red Cross.

**DYER, GOUDYLOCK E. "Giddy" (1969-81).** Republican from Hinsdale; served in House. She was one of the major sponsors of the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois. Served two terms on the DuPage County Board of Supervisors, and four terms as Republican precinct committeewoman. Also was a director of Illinois and National Council of Republican Workshops and member of the Public Health Council of DuPage County.

**ELROD, RENA (1925-31).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. Past president of 7th Congressional District of Women's Clubs and board member of Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. Pursued music as a profession.

**ERWIN, JUDY (1993-2002).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. Was Chair of the Higher Education Committee; Vice-Chair of Higher Education Committee. Former communications staff director for the Senate Democratic Staff, has served as a delegate or delegation whip at the last three Democratic conventions. A former public school teacher, she has a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin and an M.A. in education from the National College of Education at Evanston. She was also a member of the Governor's Human Resources Task Force.

**FANTIN, ARLINE M. (1995-98).** Democrat from Calumet City; served in House. Vice-Chair of Committees on Revenue. Served as the Thornton Township assessor; and South Suburban College job developer.

**FAWELL, BEVERLY (1981-2000).** Republican from Glen Ellyn; elected to House in 1980 and to Senate in 1982. Was Chair of the Transportation Committee and Republican Policy Committee. Past Co-Chair of the Legislative Information System; past Minority Spokesperson for Senate Local Government Committee. Was a member of Republican executive committee for Winfield township, president of West Chicago Republican Women's Club, vice president of Glen Ellyn Women's Republican Club, and Chairwoman of Ways and Means Committee for DuPage Federation of Republican Women. Has a B.A. from Elmhurst College.

**FEIGENHOLTZ, SARA (1995- )**. Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Chair, Committee on Appropriations-Human Services Committee and Adoption Reform, Special Committee; Vice-Chair for Tourism and Conventions Committee; former vice-chair for Human Services Committee. Has a bachelor's degree in political science and performing arts from Northeastern Illinois University. Worked as Senator John Cullerton's chief of staff and is a former executive director of the Central Lakeview Merchants' Association. She is a member of North Central Lakeview Neighbors, National Organization for Women, National Council of Jewish Women, and the Governing Council of American Jewish Congress.

**FLOWERS, MARY E. (1985- )**. Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Chair of Committee on Health Care Availability and Access. Former Assistant Majority Leader in House; Chair of Real Estate Law Committee; Minority Spokesperson for Insurance Committee; and Vice Chairperson of Public Utilities Committee. Educated at Kennedy-King College and University of Illinois at Chicago. Was employed in both public and private sectors, performing legal research, implementing CETA programs, working with correctional center inmates, and counseling in financial and adult education.

**FREDERICK, VIRGINIA F. (1979-95)**. Republican from Lake Forest; former Assistant Minority Leader in House. First woman alderman of Lake Forest and past Co-Chairperson of Citizens' Council on Children. Was on the coordinating committee for the 1976 International Women's Year and the Illinois International Women's Year Task Force. Delegate to 1974 World Food Conference in Rome; formerly active in the United Nations Association and on the Board of the World Without War Council. Has a B.A. from University of Iowa.

**GARRETT, SUSAN (1999- )**. Democrat from Lake Forest; served in House from 1998 to 2002; currently member of Senate. Chair of State Government Committee; Vice-Chair of Health and Human Services Committee; former vice-chair of Transportation Committee. B.A. from Lake Forest College; founder of marketing firm; former marketing and advertising executive for Illinois banks.

**GASH, LAUREN BETH (1993-2001)**. Democrat from Highland Park; served in House. Was Chair of Judiciary II (Criminal Law) Committee, Vice-Chair of Elections and Campaign Reform Committee. Unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 2000. She received a B.A. from Clark University and a J.D. from Georgetown University, where she was an associate editor of the *American Criminal Law Review*. Has been an officer and/or board member of numerous civic organizations, including League of Women Voters and Parent-Teacher Association. She ran for Congress in the 10th Congressional district in 2000, but lost.

**GEO-KARIS, ADELINE J. (1973- )**. Republican from Zion; served three terms in House and then elected to Senate, where she was an Assistant Majority Leader, and was the first woman appointed to Senate leadership. Currently serves as Co-Chair of Committee on Executive Appointments. Has L.L.B. from DePaul University College of Law. First woman elected justice of the peace in Lake County, and first woman assistant state's attorney in

Lake County. Also was first Chairwoman of Illinois Energy Resources Commission, 1974-76. She is a Lt. Commander (Ret.) in the U.S. Naval Reserves and a former teacher of naval law at Smith College.

**GIOLITTO, BARBARA A. (1993-95).** Democrat from Rockford; served in House. Was a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the Governor's Welfare Reform Task Force. Former insurance agent for Pioneer Life, and sales representative for Chicago Food Brokerage Company. Has a B.S. in sociology and psychology from Rockford College. Member of the American Association of University Women, National Association for Women in Careers, and League of Women Voters.

**GOODE, KATHERINE HANCOCK (1925-27).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. She was a delegate to the 1922 Republican State Convention and to the 1924 Seventh District Supreme Court Convention.

**GORDON, CAREEN M. (2003- ).** Democrat from Coal City; appointed to serve in House. Vice-Chair of Consumer Protection Committee. Former criminal prosecutor for several State's Attorney's offices and Illinois Attorney General's office. B.A. in political science and English from University of Illinois and J.D. from John Marshall Law School.

**GRAHAM, DEBORAH L. (2003- ).** Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Vice-Chair of Appropriations-General Services Committee; Special projects coordinator for Chicago Department of Planning. Member of Community Action Council; former Shelter Plus Care housing program manager. B.S. in business administration from Robert Morris College.

**GREEN, MABEL E. (1949-63).** Republican from Rockford; served in House. Born in Oregon, Illinois, she moved to Rockford and lived in her district about 30 years before being elected. She was the widow of Leroy M. Green, a former member of the legislature (1923-37 and 1939-43).

**GREEN, MADGE MILLER (1963-65).** Republican from Palatine; was a member of the Senate and later served as Senate postmistress. Teacher and author of textbook *Through the Years in Indiana* used in Indiana schools. Widow of Herschel S. Green, former member of the House (1947-57) and Senate (1957-63).

**GROW, DORAH (1965-67).** Democrat from Quincy; served in House. Received bachelor's and master's degrees in business and worked toward a doctorate; taught at several high schools and colleges. Was Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Chief Clerk of the County Election Board in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Became personnel administrator for J. Paul Getty (reportedly the world's richest man at the time).

**HALLSTROM, MARY JEANNE "Dolly" (1979-83).** Republican from Evanston; served in House. Chaired State Advisory Council on Education of Handicapped Children for 13 years and was a member of Illinois Commission on Children for 15 years. Was instrumental in organizing the Fund for Perceptually Handicapped Children. Holder of numerous awards for work on behalf of children with learning disabilities and physically handicapped

persons. Elected to Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 1990. Has been legislative resource coordinator for Equip for Equality, Inc., a private nonprofit agency providing services and advocacy for people with disabilities. Serves as a member of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

**HALVORSON, DEBBIE (1997- )**. Democrat from Crete; elected to Senate in 1996. Serves as Senate Majority Leader. Former Majority Caucus Chair, Minority Caucus Whip and Vice-Chair of Executive Committee. Graduate of Prairie State College and Robert Morris College; former Crete Township Clerk.

**HAMOS, JULIE (1999- )**. Democrat from Evanston; elected to House in 1998. Chair of Mass Transit Committee; former chair of Housing and Urban Development Committee. B.A. from Washington University; J.D. from George Washington University. Former assistant state's attorney, heads a Chicago public policy and community relations firm.

**HANLEY, SARAH BOND (1927-31)**. Democrat from Monmouth; served in House as one of the first Democratic women elected to General Assembly. Conceived of federating Women's Clubs by districts and was elected first treasurer of the first district Federation of Women's Clubs in Illinois. Member of first Democratic Women's Club in the U.S.

**HASARA, KAREN (1986-95)**. Republican from Springfield; appointed and then elected to House; elected to Senate in 1992. Was Vice-Chair of Senate Higher Education Committee; Vice-Chair of Local Government and Elections Committee; Vice-Chair of Senate Transportation Committee. In the House, she was Minority Spokesperson for Mental Health Committee, Vice Spokesperson for State Government Administration Committee, and Chairperson of Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. Former board member of the Hope School for blind and multiply-handicapped children. Was a member of the Sangamon County Board from 1975 to 1980; member of Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission from 1978 to 1981; and Sangamon County Circuit Clerk from 1980 to 1985. State board member of the Illinois Federation of Republican Women and former board secretary of the YMCA; affiliated with the League of Women Voters. Has bachelor's and master's degrees from Sangamon State University. After leaving the Senate she served as the mayor of Springfield until 2002.

**HICKEY, VIVIAN V. (1974-79)**. Democrat from Rockford; appointed to Senate to fill vacancy caused by death of Senator Betty Ann Keegan in 1974; elected same year. Twice elected to Rock Valley College Board. Was a former high school and college teacher.

**HOLMBERG, JOYCE (1983-93)**. Democrat from Rockford; served in Senate as Chair of Higher Education Committee, Vice Chair of Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, and Co-Chair of Early Childhood Intervention Committee. Was a member of Math Coalition Board, Science Advisory Council, and Citizens' Council on Women. Has a master's degree in counseling psychology and distinguished alumna award from Alfred Adler Institute in Chicago. She has served on the Institute's board of trustees and has been a part-time instructor at Rock Valley College. In 1993 received Outstanding Alumni Service Award from Northern Illinois University. Was parent-community coordinator for Rockford School District, Chair of Citizens'

Advisory Council to Illinois Superintendent of Schools, consultant to the Illinois Commission on Prevention of Delinquency, and director of the Illinois League of Women Voters. Was a delegate to the 6th Illinois Constitutional Convention (1969-70).

**HOWARD, CONSTANCE A. "Connie" (1995- ).** Democrat from Chicago; serves in House. Chair of Committee on Computer Technology; former Vice-Chair of Committee on Children and Youth. Has B.A. and M.S. degrees from Chicago State University. She is a member of the Democratic state committee in Illinois' 1st Congressional District. She has been an investigator for the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Organizations with which she is or has been affiliated include the Black Women's Network, Black United Fund of Illinois, Cook County Democratic Women, and Independent Voters of Illinois/ Independent Precinct Organization.

**HOXSEY, BETTY J. (1977-83).** Republican from Ottawa; was a member of House and the only farmer's wife serving in the General Assembly. Was Vice-Chair of Appropriations Committee and a member of the Commission on the Organization of the General Assembly, Governor's Commission on Mandated Programs, Agricultural-Economic Fair Commission, and Agricultural Export Advisory Committee. Was politically active in the 38th Legislative and the 15th Congressional Districts; also participated in community and county affairs. She has a business background in public and private sectors, and served as manager of the civic center support program in Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs after leaving the legislature.

**HUGHES, ANN (1993-97).** Republican from Woodstock; served in House. Was Chair and Minority Spokesperson for the Counties and Townships Committee. Chaired the McHenry County Board 1988-92 and is a past Secretary of the Illinois Farm Development Authority. She has studied in Europe through the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program and received a B.A. in biology with a minor in sociology from Wells College.

**HUNTER, MATTIE (2003- ).** Democrat from Chicago; appointed to Senate in 2002. Chair, Appropriations III Committee; former Vice-Chair, Committee on Health and Human Services. Serves as Program Manager for Chicago's Department of Human Services. Active in the Illinois Sports Facility Authority Advisory Board, Council on Aging, and Council on Disabilities. Received a B.A. in government from Monmouth College and an M.A. in sociology from Jackson State University.

**HURLEY, JEANNE C. (1957-61).** Democrat from Wilmette; served in the House. Was assistant state's attorney in Cook County from 1953 to 1956. Member of various bar associations and former president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Also a member of the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, American Library Association, Women's National Democratic Club, and Congressional Wives for Soviet Jews. Chair of National Commission on Library and Information Science. Wife of U.S. Senator Paul Simon, whom she met in the Illinois General Assembly. They became the first husband-wife team in its history, and co-authored *Protestant-Catholic Marriages Can Succeed* and in 1989 she authored, *Codename: Scarlet, Life on the Campaign Trail by the Wife of a Presidential Candidate*.

**ICKES, ANNA WILMARTH (1929-35).** Republican from Winnetka; served in House. Educated at the University of Chicago, she was a trustee of the University of Illinois. She was a member of the Episcopal Church and active in many clubs and civic organizations.

**JAKOBSSON, NAOMI D. (2003- ).** Democrat from Urbana; serves in House. Vice-Chair of Higher Education Committee. Former Executive Director of Champaign's University YWCA and Champaign County Recorder of Deeds. Educated at University of Illinois with a B.S. in history and an M.S. in English as a Second Language.

**JONES, LOVANA S. "Lou" (1987- ).** Democrat from Chicago; Assistant Majority Leader in the House. Chair of Appropriations-Public Safety Committee; former Minority Spokesperson for Registration and Regulation Committee and Chair of the Registration and Regulation Committee. Was supervisor of emergency services for the Chicago Department of Human Services. Active for 25 years in independent Democratic politics. Member of the 2nd Ward Democratic Organization and the Cook County Democratic Women's Club. She has a B.A. from Ohio State University.

**JONES, MARJORIE (1980-81).** Republican from Springfield; she was appointed to the House to complete the term of her late husband, J. David Jones.

**JONES, SHIRLEY (1988-2002).** Democrat from Chicago; appointed to House in September and elected in November 1988. Served as Chairperson and Minority Spokesperson of the Public Utilities Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Revenue Committee, and Vice Chairperson of Aging Committee. Former Democratic committeewoman and administrator in the Chicago Park District. Attended George Williams College.

**JOYCE, JANET (1992-93).** Democrat from Reddick; appointed to the Senate to complete the term of her husband, Jerome J. Joyce, upon his resignation.

**KARMAZYN, LILLIAN K. (1969-73).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. Precinct captain of the 22nd Ward Republican Organization.

**KARPIEL, DORIS C. (1979-2003).** Republican from Carol Stream; appointed to House in 1979 and elected in 1980; elected to Senate in 1984. Held positions of Majority Caucus Chair; Chair of the Executive Committee; Vice-Chair of Environment and Energy Committee; and Minority Spokesperson for Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. An honors graduate of Northern Illinois University with a B.A. in political science, she is a former Bloomingdale township supervisor, trustee, and precinct committeewoman.



**KASZAK, NANCY (1993-97).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. Served as general attorney of the Chicago Park District 1987-1992. She has taught at Illinois Benedictine College and been a legislative analyst on the Illinois House Democratic Staff. Also served as a commissioner of the City Landmarks Commission, president of the Landmarks Preservation Council, and vice-president of the Chicago Council of Lawyers. She ran for Congress in 1996 from the 5th Congressional District, but lost.

**KEEGAN, BETTY ANN (1973-74).** Democrat from Rockford; was elected to the Senate in 1972 but died in 1974. She was a delegate to the 6th Illinois Constitutional Convention (1969-70) and a member of Citizens' Task Force on Constitutional Implementation. Delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention in 1964 and 1968.

**KELLY, ROBIN (2003- ).** Democrat from Matteson; serves in House. Vice-Chair, Mass Transit Committee; Director of Community Affairs for village of Matteson. Co-founder and President of Unity Coalition of the South Suburbs. She has a B.A. and M.A. from Bradley University and is working on a Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University.

**KENT, LAURA.** See DONAHUE, LAURA KENT.

**KENT, MARY LOU (1973-81).** Republican from Quincy; elected to the House in 1972 and to the Senate in 1980. Died in 1981. Her interests included community and industrial development, tourism, and highways.

**KLINGLER, GWENN (1995-2003).** Republican from Springfield; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson for Committee on Children and Youth and Vice-Chair for Judiciary-Civil Law Committee. Served as a Springfield alderman. Received B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, M.A. from the University of Michigan, and J.D. from George Washington University. Worked as a lawyer for the Illinois Attorney General (1981 to 1984), and for the State's Attorneys' Appellate Prosecutor (1984 to 1991). Former partner in a Springfield law firm; served as a member and president of the Springfield school board.

**KOEHLER, JUDY (1981-85).** Republican from Henry; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson for Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee; member of Economic and Fiscal Commission, and Legislative Council. Previously a teacher, social worker for the blind and aged, and buyer for major department stores. Was active in legislative network of the American Lung Association and served on numerous boards of civic organizations and local governments, including Congressman Corcoran's Congressional Advisory Committee. Unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Senator Alan Dixon in 1986 general election. Has B.S. from Western Illinois University, and received a law degree from Loyola University Law School in 1992. Later became an Assistant State's Attorney in DuPage County and served as an appellate judge.

**KOSEL, RENEE (1997- )**. Republican from New Lenox; serves in House. Minority Spokesperson for the Executive Committee; former Minority Spokesperson for Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. Received a B.S. in Education from Western Illinois University. Former school teacher, school district member, and director of Illinois Association of School Boards. Member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, Illinois Women in Government, and Women's Legislative Network.

**KRAUSE, CAROLYN H. (1993- )**. Republican from Mt. Prospect; serves in House. Minority Spokesperson, Electric Utility Oversight Committee; former Minority Spokesperson, Committee on Public Utilities; Mayor of Mt. Prospect 1977-1989 and member of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority 1985-1987. She has a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a law degree from IIT-Chicago-Kent College of Law. Member of Mt. Prospect Zoning Board of Appeals 1971-1977 and of the Local Government Finance Study Commission in 1980.

**KURTZ, ROSEMARY (2001-2005)**. Republican from Crystal Lake; served in House from 2001 to 2005. Did not run for re-election in 2004. Was Minority Spokesperson, Committee on Health Care Availability and Access. Former high school and college teacher; served on the Crystal Lake Zoning Board of Appeals and has been active in other local civic and social service organizations. Has a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma, M.A. from the University of Kansas, and work toward a Ph.D. at the University of Iowa.

**LIGHTFORD, KIMBERLY A. (1998- )**. Democrat from Maywood. Elected to Senate in 1998. Chair, Education Committee; Vice-Chair, Financial Institutions Committee. She has a B.A. in communication and public relations from Western Illinois University and a M.A. in public administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

**LINDNER, PATRICIA REID (1993- )**. Republican from Aurora; serves in House. Assistant Republican Leader and Minority Spokesperson for Judiciary II—Criminal Law Committee, Child Support Enforcement Committee and House Special Committee on Methamphetamine. Was Minority Conference Chairperson, Vice-Chair for Constitutional Officers Committee, and Minority Vice Spokesperson of the Higher Education Committee. Received a B.S. in speech from Northwestern University, an M.A. in political science from the University of Colorado, and a J.D. from Northern Illinois University. She has practiced law since 1986 and is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and Kane County Bar Association. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Aurora Foundation and the Gary Wheaton Bank of Fox Valley.

**LYONS, EILEEN (1995- )**. Republican from Western Springs; serves in House. Assistant Republican Leader. Former minority spokesperson of the Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform. She has a degree from Elmhurst College. Served on the Western Springs Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, and as a teacher for Literacy Volunteers of America.

**MACDONALD, VIRGINIA B. (1973-93).** Republican from Arlington Heights; served four terms in House before election to the Senate in 1982, where she was Minority Spokesperson of the Energy and Environment Committee, and Co-Chair of the Citizens' Council on Women. Secretary of House Republican Caucus from 1972 to 1982. Delegate to 6th Illinois Constitutional Convention (1969-70). Was assistant to director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and an officer in several Republican organizations. Attended University of New Mexico.

**MADIGAN, LISA (1999-2002).** Democrat from Chicago; served in Senate from 1999 to 2003. Elected in 2002 as Illinois' first woman Attorney General. Attorney with a B.A. from Georgetown University and J.D. from Loyola University, Chicago. Former assistant dean, Wright College.

**MARKETTE, SHARON G. (1983-85).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. Received B.S. in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University.

**MARTIN, LYNN.** See "Women in Congress" above.

**MARTIN, PEGGY SMITH (1973-75 and 1977-79).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. She was the only black woman to serve in the 78th General Assembly (1973-75). Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972. Chaired Illinois Council on Hunger, Health, and Nutrition.

**MARTINEZ, IRIS Y. (2003- ).** Democrat from Chicago; first Hispanic woman to be elected to Senate in Illinois. Chair, Insurance, Pensions, and Investments Committee; Vice-Chair, Housing and Community Affairs Committee. Former Vice-Chair, Insurance and Pensions Committee. Special assistant to Mayor Daley as liaison to Hispanic ministers. Democratic state central committeewoman and member of Democratic National Committee. She is also Secretary of DNC's Hispanic Caucus and executive member of DNC Women's Caucus. Attended Northeastern University and University of Illinois at Chicago.

**MAY, KAREN (2001- ).** Democrat from Highland Park; elected to House in 2000. Chair, Environmental Health Committee; former Vice-Chair of Committee on Health Care Availability and Access. Founder and president of a public relations advertising agency and active in many civic, educational, and charitable organizations in Lake County. Received a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**McADAMS, MARY C. (1927-31).** Democrat from Quincy; served in House as one of the first Democratic women elected to General Assembly. Born in England; came to America at age 1. Was assistant postmistress, and postmistress, of General Assembly from 1896 to 1902.

**McCASKRIN, HAZEL A. (1947-49 and 1951-57).** Republican from Rock Island; served in House. She was the wife of Representative Harry M. McCaskrin (1921-41) and his secretary for 20 years. Past president of Business and Professional Women's Club and Rock Island Council of Parents and Teachers.

**McCORMICK, HOPE (1965-67).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. Republican National Committeewoman from 1968 to 1976. President of Republican Citizens' Committee of 9th Congressional District. Member of the Board of Governors of United Republican Fund, and other civic and philanthropic organizations.

**MEANY, MARY K. (1964-69).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. Past president of both the Chicago region PTA and the 3rd Congressional District Women's Republican Club. A former high school teacher, she was named one of the 10 outstanding women in 1952 by the Advertising Club of Chicago. Widow of Robert E. Meany, executive of Wrigley Company.

**MENDOZA, SUSANA A. (2001- ).** Democrat from Chicago; elected to House in 2000. Chair, International Trade and Commerce Committee. Former Vice-Chair, Committee on Higher Education. Coordinator of business outreach for the Chicago Department of Planning and Development. Earned a B.A. from Northeast Missouri State University.

**MOORE, ANDREA S. (1993-2001).** Republican from Libertyville; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson, Committee on Revenue; Chair for Elections and State Government Administration Committee; and Minority Spokesperson for Elections and State Government Committee. Past President of the Lake County Forest Preserves. She has been Lake County Board Commissioner for District 5 and a board member of Condell Medical Center. She formerly served on the Illinois Supreme Court Advisory Committee, Governor's Task Force for Flood Control, and Governor's Committee for the Future of Illinois; as Village Trustee of Libertyville; and on the boards of the David Adler Cultural Center of Libertyville and the National Association of County Organizations. Appointed Assistant Director of Department of Natural Resources in 2002.

**MOSELEY, VICKIE (1993-95).** Democrat from Springfield; served in House. Appointed to the Governor's Family Preservation Task Force. Former Director of State Relations for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. She and her husband have owned a financial and legislative consulting firm for educational facilities and facilities working with the handicapped. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from Blackburn College.

**MULLIGAN, ROSEMARY (1993- ).** Republican from Des Plaines; serves in House. Minority Spokesperson, Appropriations-Human Services Committee and Fee-For-Servie Initiatives; former Chair, Appropriations-Human Services Committee. Paralegal for Miller, Forest & Downing, Ltd. (1982-1991). She has an A.A.S. in legal technology from Harper College. A paralegal seminar educator, she has held several positions in the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women, and is involved in several professional and political organizations.

**MUNIZZI, PAMELA A. (1989-93).** Democrat from Chicago; appointed to the House in 1989 and elected in 1990. Was Vice-Chair of Appropriations-General Services Committee. Was appointed to the Senate in 1992 and served on numerous committees. She has been active on the boards

of Mercy Hospital Women's Board, Valentine Boys and Girls Club, and Benton House Community Center. Has a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and took graduate courses at DePaul University and Illinois Institute of Technology. She has been employed by the Committee on Local Transportation of the Chicago City Council, and was Victim-Witness Coordinator in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

**MUNSON, RUTH (2003- )**. Republican from Elgin; appointed to House in 2003. Minority Spokesperson for the Computer Technology Committee; former Co-Chair of the Joint Task Force on Illinois Immigrants and Refugees. Received a bachelor's degree in political science from Northern Illinois University. She is founder and president of Everywhere, Inc. Served on Elgin City Council from 1999-2003. Involved in many civic organizations, such as Elgin Chamber of Commerce and Elgin Hispanic Network.

**MURPHY, MAUREEN (1993-97)**. Republican from Evergreen Park; served in House. Chaired the Cities and Villages Committee and Revenue Committee. She is a broker-associate with R.B. Konie & Co., Realtors, and served as Worth Township Clerk 1985-1989. She also served as vice-president and area leader for the Worth Township Regular Republican Organization and president of the Evergreen Park Regular Republican Organization. She attended Moraine Valley Community College.

**MYERS, JUDITH A. (1997-2002)**. Republican from Danville. Appointed to Senate in 1996; elected in 1998. Served as Vice Chairperson, Committee on Executive Appointments. B.S. from Purdue University. Former Vermilion County recorder and active in various Danville organizations.

**NEKRITZ, ELAINE (2003- )**. Democrat from Northbrook; serves in House. Vice-Chair, Environment and Energy Committee. Chairs Northbrook's Community Relations Commission. Former partner in Altheimer & Gray law firm. Member of the National Council of Jewish Women and is the Democratic Committeeman of Northfield Township. Earned a B.S. in economics from Trinity University and law degree from University of Michigan.

**NELSON, DIANA (1981-85)**. Republican from Western Springs; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson for the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. A former teacher at Lyons Township High School, she has a B.S. in education from the University of Wisconsin. In 1992 she became president of Leadership for Quality Education, a business-backed school reform advocacy group. Former vice president of public affairs at Harris Bank in Chicago and secretary/treasurer of Harris Bank Foundation; former executive director of Mental Health Association in Illinois. Was appointed to chair the Chicago Private Industry Council 1990-92, and served on the Senate Chicago Schools Turnaround Committee for the 87th General Assembly.

**NETSCH, DAWN CLARK (1973-91)**. Democrat from Chicago; chaired Senate Revenue Committee for five terms and co-chaired Economic and Fiscal Commission. Was State Comptroller from 1991 to 1995, and ran for Governor in 1994, but lost. Has a B.A. from Northwestern University and J.D. magna cum laude from Northwestern School of Law. Was administrator and legal aide to Governor Otto Kerner, 1961-65; later a law professor at Northwestern Law School. Has also practiced law in Washington, D.C. and

Chicago. Delegate to the 6th Illinois Constitutional Convention (1969-70), serving as Vice Chairperson of Committee on Revenue and Finance. She co-authored *State and Local Government in a Federal System*.

**OBLINGER, JOSEPHINE K. (1979-87).** Republican from Williamsville; served in House. She was the Governor's Director of Senior Involvement from 1987 to 1992. Board member of Illinois Humanities Council and the Federal Council on Aging; board member and honorary Chairperson of the Governor's Office of Volunteerism; and former president of Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders, Illinois Federation of Republican Women, Sangamon County Republican Women's Club, and Illinois Federation of Teachers. Former Chairperson of Sangamon County Republican Central Committee, Illinois Steering Committee for the 1991 Illinois White House Conference on Aging, and Older Women's Concerns Committee for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. She has a B.S. in education cum laude from the University of Illinois and a law degree from University of Detroit Law School, where she was the only woman student.

**O'BRIEN, MARY K. (1997-2003).** Democrat from Coal City; elected to House in 1996. Was Vice-Chair, Committee on Child Support Enforcement. B.S. from Western Illinois University; J.D. from University of Illinois. Former Grundy County assistant state's attorney and assistant attorney general.

**O'NEILL, LOTTIE HOLMAN (1923-31 and 1933-63).** Republican from Downers Grove. First woman elected to the House, serving from 1923 to 1931 and 1933 to 1951; also served in Senate from 1951 to 1963. Holds the women's longevity record of 19 sessions. Was a member of several women's organizations, including Federation of Women's Clubs, League of Women Voters, Woman's Trade Union League, and Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

**OSMOND, JOANN D. (2003- ).** Republican from Antioch; appointed to House to fill vacancy caused by death of her husband Timothy H. Osmond. Was Minority Spokesperson for the Health Care Availability and Access Committee. Owner of Osmond Insurance Services, Ltd. Serves as Lake County Precinct Republican Committeewoman; former Chairwoman of Lake County Republican Central Committee. She is also trustee and treasurer of First Fire Protection District of Antioch.

**PALMER, ALICE (1991-97).** Democrat from Chicago; appointed to fill the unexpired term of Richard Newhouse who resigned, then elected to a full Senate term in 1992. Was Minority Spokesperson for Revenue Committee and Minority Spokesperson for the Commerce and Industry Committee. In 1993 the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Boulevard Arts Center each gave her a Leadership Award. She has an M.A. in Urban Studies from Roosevelt University and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Northwestern University. She was the executive director of Chicago Cities in Schools, a dropout intervention program that she helped found, and has been an administrator at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Malcolm X Community College, and Northwestern University. Co-author of *The Mature Student's Guide to Reading and Composition*, a literacy book for adult learners.

**PANKAU, CAROLE (1993- ).** Republican from Roselle; served in House, 1993-2005. Elected to the Senate in 2004. Minority Spokesperson, Labor Committee; former Minority Spokesperson for the House Executive Committee; DuPage County Board member 1984-92, and has served as Bloomingdale Township Republican Precinct 51 Committeewoman and Keeneyville School District 20 board member 1978-86. She has a B.S. in accounting from the University of Illinois.

**PARCELLS, MARGARET (1984-95).** Republican from Northfield; was appointed to House in April 1984 and elected in November. Was Minority Spokesperson for House Insurance Committee, Minority Vice Spokesperson for Executive Committee, and Vice Spokesperson for Appropriations—Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee. Was elected clerk of Northfield Township in 1977, township supervisor in 1981, and trustee of the village of Northfield in 1989. Has served as Illinois's deputy auditor. Received a B.A. with honors from the University of Iowa.

**PARKER, KATHLEEN K. (1995-2002).** Republican from Northbrook; served in Senate. Was Vice-Chair of Senate Public Health and Welfare and Transportation Committees. Co-owner of Keith Parker & Associates, which represents manufacturers of industrial electronic security products. Has a B.A. in mass communications from the University of Miami. She has worked in advertising and real estate sales, and served as Northfield Township assessor (1979-1983). She has been on the RTA board and served on its finance, audit, and planning committees. She also served on a number of other public bodies, including the Northeastern Illinois Planning Council; Governor's Committee on Transportation for the Disabled; and Speaker Madigan's Task Force on Coordination of Special Services.

**PEBWORTH, MARJORIE (1965-67).** Republican from Riverdale. Was Chair of the 1965-67 Constitution Study Commission which urged the calling and holding of a constitutional convention. Died while serving a second term in House.

**PEFFERS, MAUD N. (1936-56).** Republican from Aurora. Appointed to serve the seventh House term of her late husband, John M. Peffers. Elected for nine additional House terms and was a member of the National Order of Women Legislators. Graduate of Allen's Business College.

**PERRY, JOSEPHINE (1931-34).** Republican House member from Chicago. Graduate of Illinois State Normal University, and a member of several civic and social welfare organizations.

**PIERCE, FERNE CARTER (1957-62).** House Democrat from Malta. Was Active partner in farming and Angus cattle operation. Was also precinct committeewoman and former secretary of the DeKalb County Central Committee. Also was secretary-treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Angus Association and president of the Creston Mothers' Club.

**PIHOS, SANDRA M. (2003- )**. Republican from Glen Ellyn; serves in House. Past president of Glenbard Township District 87 school board; past vice president of Pihos Enterprises. A former teacher and guidance counselor, she has a B.S. in history from Mount Union College and an M.S. in secondary education, guidance, and counseling from Northern Illinois University.

**PIOTROWSKI, LILLIAN (1951-64)**. House Democrat from Chicago. Received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Loyola University. Worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Criminal and Juvenile Courts of Chicago and as a juvenile and adult probation officer. Also employed by the Board of Education's Division of School Attendance. Served as president of the Ladies' Democratic Club of the 22nd Ward.

**PRUSSING, LAUREL LUNT (1993-95)**. Democrat from Urbana; served in House. As Champaign County Auditor 1976-92, she was a member of the Illinois Comptroller's Local Government Audit Advisory Committee and president of the Illinois Association of County Auditors. She was also research economist at the University of Illinois Center for Advanced Computation. She has a B.A. from Wellesley College and an M.A. in economics from Boston University. She ran for Congress from the 15th Congressional District in 1994, but lost.

**PULLEN, PENNY (1976-93)**. Republican from Park Ridge; served as Assistant Minority Leader and Minority Whip in House. A former Illinois Republican National Committeewoman and Outstanding Young Republican, she served two presidential appointments as director of the Legal Services Corporation and is former dean of the board of the American Legislative Exchange Council. Was a member of the National Council on Educational Research and the Presidential Commission on the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. She has a B.A. in communications from the University of Illinois and has worked as a reporter, editorial assistant, and television production technician.

**RADOGNO, CHRISTINE (1997- )**. Republican from LaGrange; elected to Senate in 1996. Minority Spokesperson, Committee on Appropriations II; former Vice-Chair, Commerce & Industry Committee. B.A. and M.S.W. from Loyola University of Chicago. Former LaGrange village trustee and liquor commission member.

**RASCHKE-LIND, PAULA (1993-95)**. Democrat from Rockford; served in House. A graduate of Rock Valley College in Rockford, she was a legislative aide to the late Representative E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi, and was appointed to fill the vacancy left by his death in 1993.

**REED, BETTY LOU (1975-83)**. Republican from Deerfield; served in House. She was Chair of the Water Resources Commission, and a member of the Lake Level Advisory Board to the International Joint Commission that resolves disputes along the U.S.-Canadian border. Executive Assistant to Congressman John E. Porter, overseeing district office operations, 1982-89. Former chair and secretary, Lake County Republican Central Committee; past state central committeewoman, 12th Congressional District; and



former executive director, Republican Woman Power—Illinois Style. Served on Lake County Board of Supervisors 1969-72. Received Presidential appointment to Midwest Regional Advisory Council to the Small Business Administration.

**RINAKER, PAULINE B. (1953-57).** Republican from Carlinville; served in House. Attended Blackburn College and Northwestern University. Taught history and French at Carlinville High School. Served as state president of the Philanthropic Educational Organization, American Legion Auxiliary, and Federation of Illinois Women's Republican Clubs. Member of other civic groups.

**RONEN, CAROL (1993- ).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House from 1993 to 2000; current member of Senate. Chair, Health and Human Services Committee; former Chair, Labor and Commerce Committee; Assistant commissioner of Chicago Department of Housing in 1992, and assistant commissioner of Chicago Department of Planning in 1991. Executive director of Chicago Commission on Women 1989-1990 and legislative and community affairs director of Chicago Department of Human Services 1985-1989. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from Bradley University and a master's in public administration from Roosevelt University.

**RYG, KATHLEEN A. (2003- ).** Democrat from Vernon Hills; serves in House. Vice-Chair, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness Committee. Former chief deputy to Lake County's Recorder of Deeds and village trustee, and village clerk. Worked as a mental health administrator. Has a B.S. from Northern Illinois University and an M.S. from Roosevelt University and is working on a master's in public administration at Roosevelt. Active in many community organizations, including Northwest Municipal Conference, Women's Leadership Council, and YWCA for Northeastern Illinois.

**SAPERSTEIN, ESTHER (1957-75).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House from 1957 to 1967 and Senate from 1967 to 1975. She was the first Democratic woman in the Senate. Chaired Commission on Mental Health and Commission on the Status of Women. Was one of the founders and former president of the City of Hope. Elected a Chicago alderman in 1975. Later served as a public member of the Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. (A history of her years in the General Assembly has been made by the Oral History Office of Sangamon State University for the former Legislative Council.)

**SATTERTHWAITE, HELEN (1975-93).** Democrat from Urbana; served as Assistant Majority Leader in House. Was Chair of Higher Education Committee and Vice-Chair of Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. Member of the National Order of Women Legislators. She served on the University of Illinois School of Social Work Dean's advisory council and was a member of the Nutritional Sciences Advisory Committee under Dean Dan Sanders. She has a B.S. in chemistry from Duquesne University.

**SCHAKOWSKY, JANICE D. "Jan".** See "Women in Congress" above.

**SCHLAGENHAUF, LILLIAN E. (1953-65).** Republican from Quincy; served in Senate. Was assistant to Illinois Attorney General for eight years; practiced law in Quincy for 25 years. Treasurer of Adams County Bar Association; member of Illinois State Bar Association. Past president of Women's City Club of Quincy and the Federated Business and Professional Women's Club of Quincy.

**SEVERNS, PENNY (1987-98).** Democrat from Decatur; served in Senate. Died in 1998. Was Minority Spokesperson for Appropriations Committee. Former Minority Spokesperson on the Executive Committee, Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission Co-Chairperson, and Vice Chairperson of Appropriations I Committee. Member of Democratic State Central Committee for the 20th Congressional District. In 1989 she was selected as a summer fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Assistant to Illinois Comptroller 1981-86; member of Decatur City Council 1983-86. Served as special assistant to administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development; was director of Inheritance Tax Division in State Treasurer's office. Former member of Democratic National Committee; delegate at four Democratic National Conventions; and Co-Chairperson of Illinois party platform committee in 1984.

**SHARP, WANDA J. (1999-2001).** Democrat from Maywood. Appointed to House in January 1999 when Eugene Moore resigned to become Cook County Recorder of Deeds.

**SILVA, SONIA (1997-2001).** Democrat from Chicago; elected to House in 1996. Served on Committees on Aging, Appropriations, Health Care Availability and Access, Special Committee on State Procurement, and Legislative Research Unit. Co-founder of two social service agencies for Latinos, delegate to 1996 Democratic National Convention, former advisory member to the Senate Select Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education (Washington, D.C.).

**SIMON, JEANNE C.** See HURLEY, JEANNE C.

**SLONE, RICCA C. (1997-2005).** Democrat from Peoria Heights. Elected to House in 1996. Was Chair of House Committee on Appropriations—Higher Education; Vice-Chair of Environment and Energy Committee. Was also Vice-Chair, Committee on Appropriations—General Services. B.A., Washington University; M.A.'s in anthropology and public administration; J.D. from University of Illinois College of Law. Past chair of the Illinois State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Council.

**SMITH, MARGARET (1981-2002).** Democrat from Chicago; elected to House in 1980 and to Senate in 1982. Held positions of Senate Minority Caucus Chair; Minority Spokesperson and Chairperson of Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Corrections Committee; Co-Chair of Citizens Council on Public Aid; and Vice-Chair of Labor Committee.

**SOTO, CYNTHIA (2001- ).** Democrat from Chicago; elected to House in 2000. Chair, Child Support Enforcement Committee; Vice-Chair of Committee on Labor. Administrative Supervisor for the Child Support Enforcement division of the Cook County State's Attorney's office and board member of the Near North Civic Committee. Educated at Harper College.

**STEPAN, ANN (1991-93).** Democrat from Chicago; appointed to the House in 1991. She has a B.A. from Barat College and attended Columbia College in Chicago.

**STERN, GRACE MARY (1985-95).** Democrat from Highland Park; served in House and was elected to Senate in 1992. In the House, chaired Mental Health Committee and was Vice Chairperson of Election Law Committee. Lake County Clerk from 1970 to 1982, then was the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor. Represented Deerfield Township on the Lake County Board of Supervisors. Past director of John Howard Association of Chicago and Irene Josselyn (Mental Health) Clinic in Northfield. Attended Wellesley College.

**STEWART, MONICA FAITH (1981-83).** Democrat from Chicago; served in House. After her term, became director of development of public education and children-at-risk issues for North Central Regional Educational Laboratory at Oak Brook. Was member of Cook County Democratic Women, and former adjunct member of the political science department at Northeastern Illinois University, and Cook elementary school local council. Has a B.A. in history from Vassar College and a master's degree in public administration from Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**STIEHL, CELESTE M. (1973-83).** Republican from Belleville; served in House. First woman in General Assembly leadership, she was Assistant Minority Leader 1975-81 and Assistant Majority Leader 1981-83. Former member of Illinois Student Assistance Commission (1989-90) and Small Business Advisory Council. She joined the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees in July 1993. She has been a director of Belleville Economic Development Corporation and executive director of Belleville Economic Progress Inc. Former president of St. Clair County Republican Women; Co-Chair of Illinois Positive Action Task Force.

**SUMNER, MARY LOU (1977-81).** Republican from Dunlap; served in House. Was President of Peoria County Republican Women; former delegate to Republican Women's National Convention. Was also Legislative Chair of Peoria Medical Society Women's Auxiliary; and member of Farm Bureau and Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce.

**SUTHERS, MARIE H. (1951-53).** Republican from Chicago; served in House. A registered parliamentarian, teacher, and author. Past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois; Illinois and National Federations of Women's Republican Clubs; and Chicago Association of Parliamentarians. Chair of Illinois Women's Conference on Legislation. Was also dean and education director of Illini Girls' State.

**TOPINKA, JUDY BAAR (1981-95).** Republican from Riverside; served in House, then in Senate beginning in 1985. Elected State Treasurer in 1994 and reelected in 1998 and 2002. Chaired the Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Corrections Committee; was Co-Chair of Citizens' Assembly; member of Legislative Audit Commission, Infant Mortality Reduction Advisory Board, and Technical Task Force on Community Mental Health Services. Has B.S. from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Was features editor, reporter, and columnist for Life Newspapers; public relations consultant and executive vice president of Cicero Radio Corporation. Has been active in Chicago Chapter of Women in Communications, Illinois Women's Press Association, Chicago Press Club, and Executive Club of Chicago.

**VAN DER VRIES, BERNICE T. (1935-57).** Republican from Winnetka; served in House. Winnetka Village trustee 1931-35. Was a member of Chicago Transit Authority board, and director of Hull House and Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene. Chair of Board of Managers, Council of State Governments. Member of Illinois State Council of Defense (1941) and the Illinois War Council (1943). She was the first woman to chair a committee (the Municipality Committee) in 1941. (A history of her years in the General Assembly was compiled by the Oral History Office of Sangamon State University for the former Legislative Council.)

**VON BERGEN-WESSELS, PENNIE L. (1993-95).** Democrat from Sterling; served in the House. Lawyer-activist and former Whiteside County Board Member. She was a local director of the Citizens' Utility Board 1989-92. She has a J.D. from the University of Illinois, graduating magna cum laude in 1983.

**WILLER, ANNE WALSH (1975-81).** Democrat from La-Grange; served in House. Member of Judiciary Committee at 6th Illinois Constitutional Convention (1969-70). Appointed to Judicial Inquiry Board in 1971. Past president and 30-year member of Proviso League of Women Voters; founding member of Proviso-Riverside Independent Democrats. Past director of Proviso Mental Health Center.

**WILLIAMSON, LINDA (1985-91).** Republican from Northlake; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson of Committee on Aging. Trustee of Leyden Township 1982-84, and former member of citizens' advisory board to Cook County Board of (tax) Appeals. Founder and president of Tax-payers for Better Government (no longer in existence), and a former member of Citizens' Utility Board. She has been Director of Governmental Affairs for the Illinois Commissioner of Savings and Residential Finance. She studied political science at Triton College.

**WOJCIK, KATHLEEN L. "Kay" (1983-2005).** Republican from Schaumburg; served in House from 1983 to 2003. Appointed to fill a vacancy in the Senate January 21, 2003. Resigned from the Senate June 30, 2005. Was Minority Spokesperson, Licensed Activities Committee; former Minority spokesperson, Labor and Commerce Committee. Was Assistant Minority Leader in House from 1991 to 2003. Was Schaumburg Township Clerk for 14 years; past director of Township Officials of Illinois and Township Clerks of Illinois. Long active in Schaumburg Township Republican organization, she was named 6th Congressional District State Central Committeeman in 1988. Is a licensed real estate broker. She was educated at William Rainey Harper College.

**WOOD, CORINNE G. (1997-98).** Republican from Lake Forest; elected to House in 1996. B.A. from University of Illinois; J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. Former member of Lake Forest Planning Commission. Served as Illinois' Lieutenant Governor from 1998 to 2002.

**YARBROUGH, KAREN A. (2001- )**. Democrat from Maywood; elected to House in 2000. Chair, Housing Urban Development Committee; Vice-Chair of Committee on Insurance. Founder and president of an insurance agency, former president of Maywood Chamber of Commerce and on the boards of other community organizations. B.A. in business administration from Chicago State University; M.A. in inner city studies from Northeastern Illinois University.

**YOUNGE, WYVETTER H. (1974- )**. Democrat from East St. Louis, serves in House. Assistant Majority Leader; Vice-Chair, Environmental Health Committee. Former Majority Conference Chairperson. Former attorney for Federal National Mortgage Association and director of Neighborhood Opportunity Centers (War on Poverty). Past Chair of East St. Louis Planning Commission. She has a J.D. from St. Louis University and master of law degree from Washington University.

**ZICKUS, ANNE (1989-91, 1993-2002)**. Republican from Palos Hills; served in House. Was Minority Spokesperson for Committee on Registration and Regulation and Chair for Consumer Protection Committee. Broker-owner of RE/MAX Southwest, Inc. Realtors. Former alderman and Plan Commission member in Palos Hills. She is a member of the Palos Republican Women's Organization, Illinois Federation of Republican Women, and National Federation of Republican Women.

**ZWICK, JILL (1981-87)**. Republican from Dundee; served in House. Former member of Kane County Board and Co-Chairwoman of Illinois Women's Political Caucus. Founding member of Republican Women's Round Table; former member of executive board of Elgin and Dundee Republican Women's Clubs; United Way of Dundee president in 1989 and campaign Chairperson in 1990. Has worked as Executive Director of Dundee Area Chamber of Commerce; served on legislative committee of Illinois State Bar Association 1986-93. Was also Executive Director of Senator Carol Moseley-Braun's Chicago office after being Deputy Campaign Manager in 1992. Majored in business at Bradley and Roosevelt Universities.

#### Notes

1. Althoff, Pamela J.; Collins, Jacqueline Y. "Jacqui"; Crotty, M. Maggie; Demuzio, Deanna; Garrett, Susan; Geo-Karis, Adeline Jay; Halvorson, Debbie; Hunter, Mattie; Lightford, Kimberly A.; Martinez, Iris Y.; Pankau, Carole; Radogno, Christine; and Ronen, Carol.
2. Bailey, Patricia; Bassi, Suzanne "Suzie"; Bellock, Patricia "Patti"; Berrios, Maria Antonia; Chapa LaVia, Linda; Chavez, Michelle; Collins, Annazette; Coulson, Elizabeth; Currie, Barbara Flynn; Davis, Monique D.; Dugan, Lisa M.; Feigenholtz, Sara; Flowers, Mary E.; Gordon, Careen M.; Graham, Deborah L.; Hamos, Julie; Howard, Constance A. "Connie"; Jakobsson, Naomi D.; Jones, Lovana S. "Lou"; Kelly, Robin; Kosel, Renee; Krause, Carolyn H.; Lindner, Patricia Reid; Lyons, Eileen; May, Karen; Mendoza, Susana; Mulligan, Rosemary; Munson, Ruth; Nekritz, Elaine; Osmond, JoAnn D.; Pihos, Sandra M.; Ryg, Kathleen A.; Soto, Cynthia; Yarbrough, Karen; and Younge, Wyvetter H.
3. Collins, Jacqueline Y. "Jacqui"; Hunter, Mattie; and Lightford, Kimberly A.

4. Bailey, Patricia; Collins, Annazette; Davis, Monique; Flowers, Mary; Graham, Deborah; Howard, Constance A. "Connie"; Jones, Lovana S. "Lou"; Kelly, Robin; Yarbrough, Karen; and Younge, Wyvetter H.

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## Appendix A: Statistical History of Women in General Assembly

| <i>Years</i> | <i>House</i>     |                    |              | <i>Senate</i>    |                    |              | <i>Overall<br/>total</i> |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|              | <i>Democrats</i> | <i>Republicans</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Democrats</i> | <i>Republicans</i> | <i>Total</i> |                          |
| 1923-24      |                  | 1                  | 1            |                  |                    |              | 1                        |
| 1925-26      |                  | 3                  | 3            |                  | 1                  | 1            | 4                        |
| 1927-28      | 2                | 3                  | 5            |                  | 1                  | 1            | 6                        |
| 1929-30      | 2                | 4                  | 6            |                  | 1                  | 1            | 7                        |
| 1931-32      | 1                | 2                  | 3            |                  | 1                  | 1            | 4                        |
| 1933-34      | 1                | 3                  | 4            |                  |                    |              | 4                        |
| 1935-36      |                  | 2                  | 2            |                  |                    |              | 2                        |
| 1937-38      |                  | 2                  | 2            |                  |                    |              | 2                        |
| 1939-40      | 1                | 3                  | 4            |                  |                    |              | 4                        |
| 1941-42      |                  | 3                  | 3            |                  |                    |              | 3                        |
| 1943-44      |                  | 3                  | 3            |                  |                    |              | 3                        |
| 1945-46      |                  | 3                  | 3            |                  |                    |              | 3                        |
| 1947-48      |                  | 4                  | 4            |                  |                    |              | 4                        |
| 1949-50      |                  | 4                  | 4            |                  |                    |              | 4                        |
| 1951-52      | 1                | 5                  | 6            |                  | 1                  | 1            | 7                        |
| 1953-54      | 1                | 5                  | 6            |                  | 2                  | 2            | 8                        |
| 1955-56      | 1                | 5                  | 6            |                  | 2                  | 2            | 8                        |
| 1957-58      | 4                | 2                  | 6            |                  | 2                  | 2            | 8                        |
| 1959-60      | 5                | 2                  | 7            |                  | 2                  | 2            | 9                        |
| 1961-62      | 3                | 2                  | 5            |                  | 2                  | 2            | 7                        |
| 1963-64      | 2                | 1                  | 3            |                  | 2                  | 2            | 5                        |
| 1965-66      | 3                | 4                  | 7            |                  |                    |              | 7                        |
| 1967-68      | 1                | 3                  | 4            | 1                |                    | 1            | 5                        |
| 1969-70      | 1                | 3                  | 4            | 1                |                    | 1            | 5                        |
| 1971-72      | 1                | 2                  | 3            | 1                |                    | 1            | 4                        |
| 1973-74      | 2                | 6                  | 8            | 3                |                    | 3            | 11                       |
| 1975-76      | 4                | 8                  | 12           | 2                |                    | 2            | 14                       |
| 1977-78      | 6                | 12                 | 18           | 3                |                    | 3            | 21                       |
| 1979-80      | 9                | 14                 | 23           | 2                | 2                  | 4            | 27                       |
| 1981-82      | 10               | 18                 | 28           | 2                | 3                  | 5            | 33                       |
| 1983-84      | 7                | 13                 | 20           | 4                | 4                  | 8            | 28                       |
| 1985-86      | 8                | 12                 | 20           | 4                | 6                  | 10           | 30                       |

## Appendix A: Statistical History of Women in General Assembly (cont'd)

| <i>Years</i> | <i>House</i>     |                    |              | <i>Senate</i>    |                    |              | <i>Overall<br/>total</i> |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|              | <i>Democrats</i> | <i>Republicans</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Democrats</i> | <i>Republicans</i> | <i>Total</i> |                          |
| 1987-88      | 9                | 11                 | 20           | 6                | 6                  | 12           | 32                       |
| 1989-90      | 10               | 12                 | 22           | 6                | 6                  | 12           | 34                       |
| 1991-92      | 11               | 9                  | 20           | 7                | 6                  | 13           | 33                       |
| 1993-94      | 15               | 15                 | 30           | 5                | 6                  | 11           | 41                       |
| 1995-96      | 16               | 14                 | 30           | 5                | 5                  | 10           | 40                       |
| 1997-98      | 18               | 16                 | 34           | 5                | 7                  | 12           | 46                       |
| 1999-2000    | 19               | 14                 | 33           | 5                | 7                  | 12           | 45                       |
| 2001-2002    | 20               | 15                 | 35           | 6                | 6                  | 12           | 47                       |
| 2003-2004    | 24               | 13                 | 37           | 8                | 4                  | 12           | 49                       |
| 2005*        | 24               | 11                 | 35           | 9                | 4                  | 13           | 48                       |

\*As of September 19, 2005.

Sources: Compiled by Legislative Research Unit from House and Senate Journals, *Handbook of the Illinois Legislature*; *Illinois Blue Book*; and General Assembly Internet site (various years).